

Questions

2. (a) Each of the contracts referred to in 1 above was awarded to L'Ambulance Metropole Ltée., 8800 St. Michel Blvd., Ville St. Michel, Quebec.

(b) Each contract was based on the following rates:

(i) Trips within 3-mile radius from Queen Mary veterans hospital—Flat rate per trip—\$10.

(ii) Additional miles beyond the 3-mile radius—\$0.75 per mile.

(iii) Special treatment trips from Queen Mary veterans hospital to Royal Victoria hospital—Flat rate per trip—\$10.

(iv) Waiting charge for special treatment trips—\$5 per hour.

(c) The terms of each contract called for the provision of 24 hour ambulance service as needed by the Queen Mary veterans hospital, subject to the following specific requirements:

(i) All toll charges included in the contractual rates.

(ii) Trained escort to be supplied at no extra charge.

(iii) Contractor must pick up an orderly or interne at Queen Mary veterans hospital.

(iv) Ambulance must carry sufficient spare linen to allow for change of linen after transportation of each patient.

(v) Oxygen cylinders, regulating valve, face mask, and foot operated suction apparatus with catheters to be supplied by contractor.

(vi) Interior of ambulance to be kept free of dust, dirt, grit, and in a sanitary condition at all times.

(vii) The contractor to give the Department of Veterans Affairs priority on all calls.

(viii) The Department of Veterans Affairs does not assume responsibility for any claims for damages arising from this service.

(ix) The contract may be cancelled at any time by the Department of Veterans Affairs if service is not satisfactory.

(d) Each contract was awarded on the basis of the lowest tender received.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR WINTER
CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 803—Mr. Valade:

Is the government giving consideration to the exemption from the 11 per cent tax on building materials to be used in the construction, repair or renovation of buildings during the winter in order to alleviate unemployment during that period?

Mr. Benson: This question has now been answered by the statement of the Minister of Finance on Monday evening.

[Mr. Carter.]

*NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED, MONTREAL

Question No. 805—Mr. Valade:

1. How many unemployed are there at present on the island of Montreal?

2. What Canadian cities have a higher average of unemployed than Montreal in proportion to their population?

3. What was the number of unemployed in Montreal in June 1962?

4. Has the federal government any projects in view other than the construction of the C.B.C. building in the east end, and the world exhibition, in order to alleviate unemployment in Montreal?

Mr. Byrne: 1. Official estimates of unemployment are not available for the island of Montreal.

2 and 3. This information is not available.

4. Projects of various kinds and sizes will be carried out in the Montreal area either by federal departments and agencies or with assistance from them. These will be undertaken for a number of reasons including the alleviation of unemployment.

INTEGRATION OF ARMED FORCES SERVICES

Question No. 818—Mr. Matheson:

Has any study been conducted by the Department of National Defence respecting the advisability of effecting integration of the following navy, army and air force services: (a) pay and accounts (b) supply (c) medical (d) chaplaincy (e) construction engineering and, if so, what were the conclusions of such study?

Mr. Hellyer: Yes, as follows:

(a) A study is being conducted into the advisability of integrating pay and pay accounts.

(b) Single service supply responsibilities have been allocated in many fields, e.g., food, medical supplies, small arms, certain types of ammunition and warfare equipment. Single supply responsibilities include responsibility for design, cataloguing, publications, provision of funds, determination of requirements and in some cases the receipt, issue and disposal of stores. Centralized, co-ordinated procurement is in effect, as well as a large measure of inspection. A study to determine whether commodity groups have sufficient common usage to warrant integration is being conducted.

(c) The armed forces medical services were combined in 1959 into one unified medical service under an officer designated as the surgeon general.

(d) Integration of the chaplains services at national defence headquarters and at commands was introduced in 1958. The object was to facilitate policy direction and to provide effective and efficient co-ordination in the organization and administration of the chaplains services.